

WorkFirst Budget Reductions 2002

(dollars in thousands)

Program Description	Reduction
CHILD CARE	
▪ Reduce eligibility for child care subsidies to 200% of FPL	\$3,000
▪ Child Care Careers <i>Training program for TANF recipients interested in becoming child-care providers</i>	500
▪ Systems Funding--Child Care Coordinating Council <i>Funds used by the System Sub-Committee to the Child Care Coordinating Committee for research and pilot projects</i>	200
▪ Middle-School Contracts <i>After-school and weekend activities for middle-school youths whose parents are at work or in training</i>	300
▪ Community Special Needs Contracts <i>Community-based programs offering support to child-care providers caring for children with special needs</i>	400
▪ Olympic College--development of training <i>Developing early childhood curriculums for child-care providers and linkages to community-college credit</i>	100
▪ Building Blocks Training <i>Subsidy for 20-hour training curriculum for new family home child-care providers</i>	200
▪ Department of Health contract <i>Funds local public health nurses to consult with child-care providers caring for children with special needs</i>	3,400
▪ Increase co-pay by \$5	13,500
▪ Continue Career and Wage Ladder at current level <i>Economic incentives to child-care providers to further their education and encourage longevity in the field</i>	1,000
EDUCATION & TRAINING	
▪ Reduce funding for Families That Work program and related child-care, and reconfigure existing training programs <i>Trains WorkFirst and other low-income parents with young children in literacy skills along with parenting and family management skills, and pays an enhanced rate for children whose parents are participating in the program</i>	7,500
POST-EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT	
▪ End funding for Job Success Coach <i>Designed to increase participants' job success and retention, decrease the likelihood they'll return to cash assistance and ultimately help them progress to higher wages and long-term self-sufficiency</i>	5,400
▪ Freeze job placement funding	2,000

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REDUCE SOCIAL SERVICES	
▪ Support Services reductions <i>Support services, including some drug and alcohol services, designed to help TANF parents enter the job market or keep their job</i>	4,000
▪ Comprehensive Alcohol and Drug Treatment Project <i>Intensive case management, non-medical chemical dependency treatment, and other services to low income parents of drug-affected babies</i>	2,700
ELIMINATE PROGRAMS WITH NO RESULTS OR NOT YET STARTED	
▪ Work Experience Contracts <i>Supervised, unpaid work performed for a private, non-profit agency or governmental or tribal entity</i>	3,000
▪ DSHS Innovative Funds <i>Funding for innovative pilot projects in DSHS offices</i>	3,100
▪ Child Care Apprenticeship Program <i>Allows Department of Labor and Industries to support a wage ladder for child-care staff furthering their education</i>	150
▪ Matching funds for local transportation projects <i>Matching funds for local projects that meet the transportation needs of WorkFirst participants</i>	1,000
▪ Read and Rock <i>Intergenerational program where seniors volunteer in child-care centers to read to young children</i>	15
OTHER	
▪ End funding for Legal Services <i>Funding for legal services by Columbia Legal Services and other legal organizations for TANF recipients</i>	2,400
TOTAL	\$53,865